

*From F. N. Waddell.*

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My dear Sir! !

James has submitted the foregoing to me, & I feel assured, from the conversation which I had with you just previous to your leaving Hillsboro', whatever can, with propriety, be done to meet his views, will be cheerfully accorded to him. If you remember our conversation, you seemed to express no doubt but that a situation could be had which, while it afforded him an opportunity of discharging his public duty, would be agreeable to him. I trust I do not ask too much of you, that his wishes may be complied with, particularly as to his first or second application. Any great exposure might be attended with serious consequences to him, and his preservation to me personally, is of much moment. You see, my dear Sir, I write you just as I feel & think, indeed, as a backwoodsman, unpractised in the art of glossing things to make them appear what they are not.

Very truly your friend

*From C. C. Graham.*<sup>125</sup>

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S. H. Forge,

July 27th., 1851.

My Dear Uncle

Your kind favor of the 24th. Inst., informing me of the supposed death by drowning of Bro' Frank, Dr. Knox, & others, on 28th. May, is just to hand. I also see mention made of it in the *Intelligencer*, & *Register* of to day's mail. It would indeed have been sad news, had I not just finished the perusal of an interesting letter from Frank dated San Francisco, "May 31st."—In which he states—"I have been for the last ten days up in the Country 30 miles above the City on Pablo Bay, and returned to this City yesterday morning. I spent a day or two with Dr. Knox at his Ranch, and was very much pleased with his Farm and improvements, etc., etc." I am thus hasty in reply, hoping that, if you have not already been advised, to alleviate the grief Mrs. K. must suffer on learn-

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